Legal Expenses

1828. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount spent on litigation during the period 1st January, 1989 to 31st July, 1991 for conducting cases arising out of disputes with workmen in the Calcutta High Court, Industrial Tribunals and/or Labour Courts as far as IISCO is concerned for Burnpur and Kulti works separately;

(b) how many cases are pending before different courts at Burnpur and Kulti, separately for each works as on date; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the management in these two works for setting these cases out of court ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :) (a) Following amount has been spent on litigation during the period under reference :

Unit	For cases in the High Court (including Workmen's Compensation cases at Durgapur).	For cases in Industrial Tribunal & Labour Court/ Lower Courts.
Burnpur Works	Rs. 9,55,800*	Rs. 88,972
Kulti Works		Rs. 34,114

*Including Kulti, Separate figures for Kulti are not available.

(b) Number of cases pending in different Courts is as follows :

Unit	High Court	Tribunal & Labour Courts	Lower Courts at Asansol	Workmen Compensation cases at Durgapur	Total
Burnpur	80	59	32	64	235
Kulti Works	12	11	26	7	56

(c) A High Power Committee has been constituted by the management to review all cases in order to settle them out-of-court wherever feasible. The Committee will recommend to management all such cases which can be settled out-of-court by mutual agreement of the parties. The work is in progress.

Deaths/disability at IISCO

1829. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of employees who expired while in service or suffered from permanent total disability since 1st